



2003 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 64

February 24, 2004 – Introduced by Senators PANZER, ERPENBACH, DARLING, BRESKE, CARPENTER, S. FITZGERALD, HANSEN, KANAVAS, LASSA, LAZICH and ROESSLER, cosponsored by Representatives GARD, AINSWORTH, BOYLE, FRISKE, GRONEMUS, GUNDERSON, HINES, JESKEWITZ, KERKMAN, KESTELL, KRAWCZYK, KREIBICH, LADWIG, J. LEHMAN, LOEFFELHOLZ, LOTHIAN, MCCORMICK, MONTGOMERY, NISCHKE, PETTIS, RHOADES, WEBER and HAHN. Referred to Committee on Senate Organization.

1 **Relating to:** declaring May 12, 2004, as Wisconsin Stroke Alert Day.

2 Whereas, stroke is the nation’s and Wisconsin’s 3rd leading cause of death, and
3 approximately 3,500 Wisconsin residents die annually from stroke and most strokes
4 occur because of a blocked artery and time is crucial for treating such a stroke; and

5 Whereas, damage begins within 15 minutes, and the critical time window is less
6 than 3 hours; and

7 Whereas, only 4 percent of stroke patients present to an emergency room in 3
8 hours, and the research is clear that too few Wisconsinites recognize the symptoms
9 of stroke and the need to call 911 promptly; and

10 Whereas, prompt medical assessment and treatment can prevent or reduce
11 damage, disability, or death from stroke in many cases; and

12 Whereas, delayed presentation to an emergency room is the leading roadblock
13 to successful stroke care; and

14 Whereas, many organizations in Wisconsin are celebrating May 12, 2004, as
15 Wisconsin Stroke Alert Day with the theme “Don’t Stall Make the Call” and

1 promoting education and awareness by encouraging citizens to learn symptoms now;
2 now, therefore, be it

3 ***Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, That*** the Wisconsin
4 legislature, in recognition of the importance of the ongoing fight against strokes,
5 proclaims May 12, 2004, to be Wisconsin Stroke Alert Day in Wisconsin and urges
6 all citizens to recognize the critical importance of learning to recognize the symptoms
7 of stroke and calling 911 promptly.

8 (END)